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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To the Honorable Attorney General Ashcroft:

The Microsoft case, which has been pursued for a decade by the federal government, has ostensibly been pursued on behalf of consumers. However, the very consumers it has sought to protect are being harmed by the detrimental impact the case has had on the technology market and the entire national economy, which is now mired in a recession. Furthermore, the American taxpayers have had to fund this prosecution, diverting government funds from investigating harmful antitrust violations and illegitimate monopolies. The proposed settlement encourages product-choice, promotes product innovation, and provides non-Microsoft related computer and software manufacturers with confidence in marketing their own products. It also frees up Department of Justice resources to pursue antitrust violations that currently harm the public.

Therefore, I humbly request that this litigation concerning Microsoft be stopped, and the proposed settlement accepted. Commercial success should not be penalized.

Very truly yours,

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